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## **HOUSE REPUBLICANS PROTECT FUNDING FOR PREGNANCY SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM**

*~\$2 million remains in House proposal to protect pregnant women in crisis~*

The Florida House of Representatives today approved a substitute amendment offered by Majority Leader Adam Hasner (R- Delray Beach) to protect \$2 million in funding in the House Budget proposal for the Pregnancy Support Services Program. The amendment was in response to a amendment by Representative Kelly Skidmore (D-Boca Raton) to totally eliminate services to pregnant women in crisis.

“Unfortunately, in order to promote a harsh ideological agenda, some members of the House have chosen to target pregnant women at one of the most vulnerable times in their and their baby’s life. Whether we are pro-life or pro-choice, we can all agree that pregnant women should not be used as political targets,” said Representative Hasner.

The Pregnancy Support Program was created in 2005 as a support network for women who are pregnant and in crisis, and is based on a model that is proven to reduce the number of abortions. The Program served more than 12,000 clients during FY 2007-2008 and another 7,000 clients as of November 30, 2008.

In order to protect funding for the Pregnancy Support Services Program, Hasner’s substitute amendment transferred a portion of funding from Statewide Childhood Lead Poisoning Screening Program to the Bankhead/Coley Cancer Research Program. Hasner’s amendment ensures that the Statewide Childhood Lead Poisoning Screening Program would continue to have nearly a half-million dollars in funding.

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